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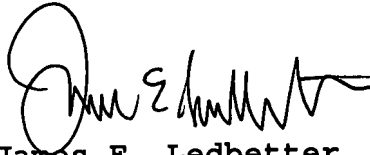
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Pursuant to Rules 56 and 99, Applicants hereby call the attention of the Patent Office to the document listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. This reference is cited in a Supplementary Search Report dated January 26, 2007 (copy attached).

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Respectfully submitted,

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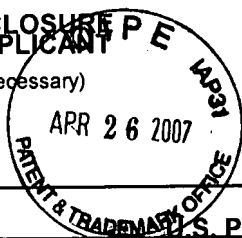
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Bruhn S. et al., "Concepts and Solutions for Link Adaptation and Inband Signaling for the GSM ARM Speech Coding Standard," 1999 IEEE 49th, Vehicular Technology Conference, New York, NY, vol. 3, conf. 49, XP000936252, 16 May 1999, pages 2451-2455.

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